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1. TO CONFIRM BROH-KAHN/INGRAHAM TELCON, DEPT AND INS/CO

AUTHORIZE EMBASSY TO PROVIDE GOS WRITTEN GUARANTEE THAT USG WILL ACCEPT WITHIN THREE MONTHS ALL REFUGEES ON PRESIDENT POLK NOT ACCEPTED BY THIRD COUNTRIES.

- 2. THIS IS ONE-TIME AUTHORIZATION TO GET GOS TO ALLOW REFUGEES TO LAND, WHICH SETS NO PRECEDENT. ANY FUTURE CASES OF THIS KIND WILL SIMILARLY REQUIRE WASHINGTON APPROVAL.
- 3. SINGAPORE SHOULD SUBMIT VISA FALCON CLEARANCE REQUESTS SOONEST.
- 4. GENEVA AND SINGAPORE PLEASE INFORM UNHCR AND ITS REP THAT WE REQUEST UNHCR DO UTMOST TO ENCOURAGE THIRD COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT ANY REFUGEES FROM PRESIDENT POLK WITH TIES TO THIRD COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS ANY WHO MIGHT BE FOUND INADMISSIBLE UNDER INA, WHICH IS ONLY SLIGHT PROBABILITY BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE.
- 5. INS DIDIR AUTHORIZED ISSUE NUMBERS FROM $800~{\rm CE}$ NUMBERS ALLOCATED REFTEL C. VANCE

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